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SUBJECT: ITU: CCITT PLENARY ASSEMBLY: CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR

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1. IN MEETING WITH MISSION OFFICER ON SEPTEMBER 21, OUTGOING CCITT DIRECTOR RAYMOND CROZE VOLUNTEERED HIS CANDID VIEWS OF THE SIX CANDIDATES WHICH HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO SUCCEED HIM. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE NOTED THAT FIVE OF THE SIX WERE WESTERN EUROPEANS AND ADVISED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A WESTERN EUROPEAN MEETING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13-17 IN STOCKHOLM (PRESUMABLY UNDER CEPT AUSPICES) TO TRY TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON ONE OR TWO WESTERN EUROPEAN CANDIDATES, BUT THIS EFFORT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

2. CROZE'S PERSONAL VIEWS ON EACH OF THE ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES FOLLOW:

A. BAGGENSTOS (SWITZERLAND): WHILE NOT SAYING SO IN SO MANY WORDS, BAGGENSTOS IS CLEARLY CROZE'S FAVORITE. HE NOTED BAGGENSTOS IS NOT ONLY A HIGH AND RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL OF THE SWISS PTT AND AS SUCH HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH ITU, BUT THAT HE HAS A LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE CCITT AND IS CURRENTLY A STUDY GROUP CHAIRMAN. HE NOTES BAGGESTOS HAS BOTH THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SKILLS AS WELL AS THE TEMPERAMENT

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FOR THE JOB;

B. BRUTZ (FRANCE): CROZE OBVIOUSLY DISLIKES BURTZ BUT IMPLIED MERELY THAT BURTZ DOES NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS;

C. GAGLIARDI (ITALY): CROZE DESCRIBED HIM AS SOLID AND QUALIFIED BUT NOT OUTSTANDING;

D. GUBORGUIEV (BULGARIA): CROZE CHARACTERIZED THIS CANDIDATE AS A DEAD LOSS. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD APPLIED FOR THE LALOU JOB LAST SPRING, THAT HIS QUALIFICATIONS HAD BEEN GONE INTO FULLY AT THAT TIME AND THAT HE DID NOT EVEN MAKE THE SHORT LIST FOR THIS POSITION. CROZE BELIEVES HE IS TOTALLY UNQUALIFIED;

E. HUMMEL (FRG): CURRENTLY NUMBER TWO TO CROZE IN ITU, EVIDENTLY CROZE CANNOT STAND HIM. WHILE ADMITTING HUMMEL HAS EXCELLENT TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS, CROZE BELIEVES HE IS A BAD ADMINISTRATOR AND TOTALLY LACKING IN DIPLOMACY AND TACT. CROZE ACCUSED HUMMEL OF OUTRIGHT LYING IN HIS CURRICULUM VITAE DESCRIBING HIMSELF AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CCITT, A POST WHICH DOES NOT EXIST;

F. THEYS (BELGIUM); CROZE BELIEVES HE HAS GOOD ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CREDENTIALS, BUT IS RATHER LACKING THE PUSH AND DRIVE REQUIRED FOR THE JOB.

3. CROZE DOES NOT KNOW OF ANY EFFORTS TO NOMINATE FURTHER CANDIDATES FROM THE FLOOR BUT IS AWARE THAT SUCH A MOVE COULD OCCUR. HE BELIEVES THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT THIS IS TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION THE FIRST DAY OF THE MEETING PRECLUDING SUCH A POSSIBILITY.

4. MISSION HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTES FROM THE SWISS AND BULGARIAN MISSIONS REQUESTING U.S. SUPPORT FOR BAGGESTOS AND GUEORGUIEV RESPECTIVELY. WE WILL SEND USUAL NONCOMMITTAL RESPONSE. CATTO

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